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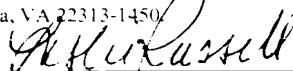
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Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. MXGNP001X2).

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The communications in Papers #34 and 35, both filed on 8/4/03, are non-responsive to the prior office action, mailed 3/13/03, because of the following reason:

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Although this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the submission filed on 1/27/03 is not complete. It does not "meet the reply requirements of § 1.111" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c). Applicants' submission does not include a reply to the final rejection mailed 11/4/02 to address the issues therein. Furthermore, the amendment does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because the list of claim status does not include the status of claims 93-101.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, or as extended as follows. AN EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to: Shubo "Joe" Zhou, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 605-1158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, Ph.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Patent Analyst Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is 703-305-3524, or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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Patent Examiner